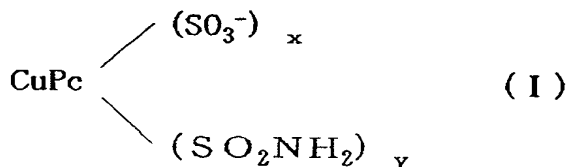


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An aqueous ink comprises a phthalocyanine dye represented by a general formula (I) and an aqueous medium, wherein the phthalocyanine dye does not
5 contain a component of $x + y = 2$ but at least contains components of $x + y = 3$ and $x + y = 4$, the content of the component of $x + y = 4$ is larger than the content of the component of $x + y = 3$, and the aqueous medium contains an amine compound having a
10 vapor pressure of 0.01 mmHg or higher at 20 - 25°C:



wherein CuPc represents a copper phthalocyanine residue; x represents 1, 2, 3 or 4 and y represent 0, 1, 2 or 3.